

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 548

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Hannah Robison, Miss Tennessee
2015.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative individual is Hannah Robison, who was crowned Miss Tennessee 2015 at the State pageant held in Jackson on June 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a Paris resident, Miss Robison is a senior at the University of Tennessee at Martin, and is majoring in chemistry with a minor in psychology; and

WHEREAS, a Dean's List student, Hannah Robison is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. She received a Belmont University Merit Scholarship and a HOPE Scholarship, she was a Silver Medalist for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, and she was named the Recitation Leader for General Chemistry; and

WHEREAS, through her participation in the Miss America program, Miss Robison has been awarded more than \$11,000 in college scholarships with which to further her education; and

WHEREAS, broadening her horizons, Miss Robison traveled abroad and witnessed firsthand the harsh conditions that many face, and she learned to appreciate having shoes to wear, food to eat, and clean water to drink. The experience deeply affected her, leading her to commit to a life of service; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished leader, Hannah Robison has served as chair for numerous fundraisers, including many events to raise money for arthritis awareness, the cause she has championed and made her platform. Her Campaign Against Pain was sparked when

she became aware that her Aunt Annalee was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis when she was Hannah's age; and

WHEREAS, one in five people in the United States is diagnosed with some form of arthritis, making it the most debilitating disease in the nation; and

WHEREAS, determined to raise money for a cure, Miss Robison has raised almost \$10,000 for arthritis research and treatment, and she has been a featured speaker at civic clubs for arthritis awareness. Through the funds she raised for the Arthritis Foundation, she sponsored a child suffering from juvenile arthritis (JA) to attend Camp AcheAway, a camp engineered especially for children with JA; and

WHEREAS, Miss Robison was the senior representative at American Legion Volunteers Girls' State, and she created and implemented "STEM Day" at four of the five Children's Miracle Network hospitals statewide; and

WHEREAS, as Miss Tennessee, Hannah Robison will continue advocating for those suffering from arthritis, while serving as the spokesperson for Character Education and the Children's Miracle Network; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to hard work, Hannah Robison has been working with her family's recreational business since she was seven years old, which has instilled in her discipline, respect, and a healthy bond with her family; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Robison's Miss Tennessee 2015 pageant victory is a special source of pride for her family, her many friends, and the good people of Tennessee, and it is fitting that we specially recognize this remarkable woman and her many accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and congratulate Hannah Robison upon being crowned as Miss Tennessee 2015, applaud her representation of the State of Tennessee and the many philanthropic endeavors she undertakes, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.